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NEW SEARCHES FOR MDS/ITFS DATA TO BE PRESENTED **MARCH 12, 2003**

A Public Forum will be held on March 12, 2003 to present a new license search interface that will be available for the public to access Multi-point Distribution Service/Instructional Television Fixed Service (MDS/ITFS) License data. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) will also be providing an update on the progress that has been made towards integrating Broadband Licensing System (BLS) with Universal Licensing System (ULS). The public is encouraged to attend in order to obtain information on the new searches and WTB's approach to the integration of the two systems.

WTB will conduct a public forum in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M to discuss the efforts to migrate the BLS data into the ULS system, including the availability of new searches for public access. The forum will take place in Room B516 (South Conference Room) on the Sixth Floor of the Portals II building, 445 Twelfth Street, S. W. In order to ensure that adequate meeting space is provided for this event, WTB is requesting that interested parties pre-register by March 10, 2003.

New MDS/ITFS Database and License Searches

WTB has undertaken a multi phased approach to the integration of BLS into ULS. The first phase includes the confirmation of the accuracy and completeness of all information contained in BLS. To this effect, the public was requested to review and verify their licensing information and technical data via the BLS Inventory, and submit corrections to the FCC.¹ Concurrent with this, a transitional ULS database for MDS/ITFS License data has been created to house MDS/ITFS license data in a format that is compatible with ULS. The public is being granted access to this data through the new searches. A subsequent PN will be released giving details of the launch date and the URL for the new searches.

¹ See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks to Verify ITFS, MDS and MMDS License Status and Pending Applications, *Public Notice*, DA 02-2751 (WTB rel Oct 18, 2002), (*BLS Inventory Public Notice*). See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks to Verify ITFS, MDS, and MMDS Pending Legal Matters , *Public Notice*, DA 02-2752 (WTB rel Oct 18, 2002). See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Clarifies Public Notice Relating to Verification of ITFS, MDS and MMDS License Status and Pending Applications, *Public Notice*, DA 02-3372 (WTB rel Dec 5, 2002). See Memorandum Opinion and Order, DA02-3371 (rel Dec 5, 2002).

² See Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Suspends Electronic Filing for the BroadBand Licensing System on October 11, 2002, *Public Notice*, DA 02-2422 (WTB PSPWD rel Sept 27, 2002)

Electronic filing for sites licensed in the Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) and the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) remains suspended until further notice.² All application filings for MDS and ITFS must be submitted to the Commission in paper format for these services. The Commission will post a Public Notice when electronic filing is available to the public for these services.

Registration

To register for the Public Forum, please contact Patrick Thomas by email at pthomas@fcc.gov, or by phone at 202-418- 2947. If registering by e-mail, the subject line of the email should state “WTB Public Forum.” Please provide your name, organization, telephone number, and e-mail address. We will confirm your registration by return email.

Contact Information for MDS/ ITFS Content-Related Questions

For all inquires relating to MDS or ITFS licensing and service rules, contact the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0680. Contact the Help Desk at (888) 225-5322 and select option 2 for questions related to data in the transitional MDS/ITFS database, or general questions about this PN.